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SUBJECT: JET PLANE FOR PATHET LAO

1. OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE REPORTED AUGUST 8 THAT SOVIET UNION HAD GIVEN PATHET LAO A YAK-40 JET AIRPLANE, WHICH ARRIVED AT WATTAY AIRPORT ON AUGUST 7. THIS BRINGS PATHET LAO TRANSPORT AIR FLEET TO FIVE: ONE YAK-40, TWO AN-2S, ONE AN-24B AND ONE AN-26. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, NO AN-2S ARE BASED IN LAOS.

2. THIS MODERN TRIJET (NATO CODENAME CODLING) IS PRESUMABLY THE STRETCHED TYPE "M" SINCE IT REPORTEDLY CARRIES 42 PASSENGERS WHILE NORMAL VERSION CARRIES ONLY 33. LAO PRESSE MAKES NO MENTION OF THE YAK-40'S FUTURE MISSION, BUT ITS ABILITY TO LAND ON GRASS RUNWAYS SHOULD MAKE IT A FLEXIBLE, AS WELL AS PRESTIGIOUS, MODE OF TRANSPORT FOR PATHET LAO FUNCTIONARIES.
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